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Examiner will note that two of these references are not in English. French Patent No. 2,722,980 is believed to be the same as U.S. Patent No. 5,645,599. No English translation of German Patent No. G 93 04 368.6 is available to applicant at the present time.

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